

**Council Meeting
Nutter Fort
December 27, 2011**

The regular meeting of Council of Nutter Fort, was held, Tuesday, December 27, 2011, in Council Chambers, with the following members present; Barbara Gorby, William Benincosa, Karen Phillips, Robin Newhouse, Mayor Nathan Rohrbough, and Recorder Sam Maxson. Absent was councilor Stephen Korn. Also present were Police Chief Ron Godwin and Fire Chief Jeremy Haddix. Guests were Jenalda Heflin, Lois Benincosa, and Alyssa Benincosa.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Mayor Rohrbough, with Councillor Newhouse asking prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Chief Haddix reports the drywall is nearly finished in the fire department addition and they will be installing a new furnace. The new furnace will be large enough to also provide heat for Council Chambers and the hallway.

Haddix also reported that he has not received all the quotes for the proposed LED sign, but Hickman has suggested we consider another type of sign. Hickman told the chief that we might want to consider the type of sign that is in front of Jack's Furniture. Haddix should have some information for the next meeting.

- Robin Newhouse motioned approval OF Ordinances 951.07 and 951.99 (attached) on the 2nd reading, dealing with recycling, both residential and commercial. After a second by William Benincosa, the motion was passed by unanimous vote.
- Ordinance 171.10(g) (attached) dealing with funding, acquisitions, maintenance, and repair of Police equipment, was pass on the 1st reading, by unanimous vote, following a motion by Barbara Gorby and a second by William Benincosa.
- Ordinance 171.12 (attached). dealing with miscellaneous Police fees, was passed on the 1st reading, by unanimous vote, after a motion by Barbara Gorby and a second by Karen Phillips.
- The resolution to apply for the \$5000 (matching)grant (attached) from the West Virginia Development Office for a 2012 ¾ ton pickup with snow plow was passed by unanimous vote after a motion by William Benincosa and a second by Barbara Gorby.
- The building permits (attached) were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Robin Newhouse and a second by Karen Phillips.
- Karen Phillips motioned approval of the bills (attached) and, after a second by Barbara Gorby, were approved by unanimous vote.
- The minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting were approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Barbara Gorby and a second by Karen Phillips.

Old Business: Robin Newhouse questioned if a decision has been made about the financial feasibility of funding a full time Fire Chief. The Mayor will talk with the auditors after the first of the year and report back.

Councilor Phillips reports she has talked with Raymond Packett of the WV Department of Highways and he says the road between the island on Buckhannon Pike and the FOP parking lot is not a state highway. If this is true, we could possibly do a "road cut" and place wiring beneath the roadway to illuminate the flags on the island. The mayor has talked with the power company and they would place a light on the pole to illuminate the flags for \$22 a month. Since this is not a city project, Councilor Newhouse volunteered to pay the \$22 monthly charge.

The web page will be up soon.

Barbara Gorby reported that her and William Benincosa represented Nutter Fort at the Grand Opening of the new Edward Jones Investment firm on Buckhannon Pike recently.

The visit and presentation to the 2 Nutter Fort residents that are over 100 years young went well.

New Business Robin Newhouse questioned if we need an ordinance drafted to allow the fire department to bill insurance company for calls. Chief Haddix stated we have a county ordinance that allows for this, but the collection process is time consuming, but we can charge \$500 for most calls. He also says there is a collection service available that would charge \$100 for this service and we could net \$400.

Fire Department Report: Chief Haddix reported the Christmas dinner was well attended. He also reported that Saturday, December 17, they collected 2 truckloads of food for the local food banks and that EQT donated an additional truckload of food.

Police Report Chief Godwin had no report

Maintenace Department Report Supervisor Jim Wolfe was absent.

Mayor Rohrbough reported that we have applied for a continuation grant of the "Safe Routes to School" grant for sidewalks and curbs along Buckhannon Pike, and, if awarded this grant, the standing water problem in front of Bonnie Bells Pastries should be taken care of.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22PM after a motion by Robin Newhouse and a second by Karen Phillips.

(Mayor)

(Recorder)